

The 72: Kingdom Ministry Training

Next Level Identity

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1 Introduction

- God did not give you life so that you could wait for heaven.

- We're on a journey together as a community.

- Each of these 72 sessions is creating the platform for RESTORATION to be a lifestyle.

2 Jesus' Agenda

➤ Some Key Scriptures:

- **John 1:1-5 (ESV) — 1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. **4** In him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
 - Alternate translation in v.4—"That which has been made was life in Him."
 - **John 5:26 (ESV) — 26** For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.
 - **John 6:57 (ESV) — 57** As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me.

- **John 10:9-10 (NIV) — 9** I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
 - Jesus gives us access to the _____.

- **John 15:1-2 (ESV) — 1** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. **2** Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
 - **John 12:24-25 (ESV) — 24** Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. **25** Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.
 - The life that is sown into you will not come forth _____.

- **John 6:63 (ESV) — 63** It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.
 - Your identity is rooted in the _____—which are Spirit and life!

- God's gift to all humanity is the potential for an extraordinary LIFE that reveals the hidden treasures of the Father's creative mind.
 - **Matthew 13:44 (ESV) — 44** "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
 - **Matthew 13:45-46 (ESV) — 45** "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.
 - Each life in this room is a _____ waiting to be found.

- 3 **If you embrace Jesus' agenda for life, it will break-off your life-hindering personal security and open you to the possibilities.**
 - **Luke 9:57-62 (ESV)** ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

 - The "abundant life" Jesus promised breaks-off our bondage to _____.
 - You can't live _____ and then receive everything you desire or everything you were designed for.

 - The Call to Faith
 - **Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) — 1** Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.
 - Faith dares me to believe for what _____.
 - You don't have to figure yourself out, first, before you can hope in what God is going to bring.

 - **Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) — 6** And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.
 - Faith = Stepping into the place of God's greatest _____.

 - Faith gives me access to what otherwise would remain _____.

- Faith in a higher agenda brings rewards that I cannot _____.
 - ◆ **Matthew 17:20 (ESV) — 20** He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

4 Revelatory Homework

- **Psalm 20:4 (NIV) — 4** May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.
- **Psalm 37:4 (ESV) — 4** Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- **Proverbs 13:12 (ESV) — 12** Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.
- Write down 50 (100 would be even better) things you want.
 - Don't worry about motive, right now.
 - You'll discover how much is actually hidden inside of you.
 - You'll discover that you can begin to categorize your list into different areas of life.
 - Your forgotten desires carry spiritual power and spirit-filled revelation.
 - You'll begin to notice that you won't be as anxious about who you are.
 - The more you write, the more you will accomplish.
- Pray your list.
- Your list will automatically begin to _____ your life—allow it to do that.
- You may find out that what you really want is creating a _____ than you thought you were.
- You may find out that embracing what you want to do means embracing some things you don't want to do.

5 The Power of Asking

- **James 4:1-3 (ESV)** — **1** What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? **2** You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. **You do not have, because you do not ask.** **3** You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.
 - Asking needs to be routine. It's a way of connecting to what's planted in your heart AND what's in the mind of God for you.
 - In the process, you'll discover _____ you didn't recognize before.
 - In your process, you'll discover what Holy Spirit _____ is.
- **Matthew 7:7-11 (ESV)** — **7** "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. **8** For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. **9** Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? **10** Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? **11** If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!
 - Jesus creates the expectation of _____ and _____.
- **Matthew 6:33-34 (ESV)** — **33** But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. **34** "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.
 - Jesus admonishes us to create a _____ between Kingdom reign and what you desire.

6 The Power of Investment

- **Matthew 25:14-30** (The Parable of the Talents)
 - "Talents" have far more to do with what God wants to accomplish in your area of influence that you cannot imagine.
 - God has given us resources to sow into purposes greater than ourselves.
 - The level of your talents and resources is not near as important as your _____.
- Understand your resources.
 - **1 Thessalonians 5:23 (ESV)** — **23** Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Sanctification = the process of being _____ for our divine purpose and made into our original image.

- The triune nature of humanity.
 - ◆ **Spirit** – that part of you that comes alive in Christ (born-again) when you believe. It's connected to and interprets the Holy Spirit correctly. It's the ordained version of you as born from heaven.

 - ◆ **Soul** – that part of you that describes your personality, and the natural dimensions of your identity. It can be marred and influenced by your experiences in this life, for better or worse. It is also the seat of your self-will.

 - ◆ **Body** – that part of you that interprets the world and feeds your soul information, for better or worse.

- **3 John 2 (NKJV) — 2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.**

- Avoid life-stealing distractions.
 - There are the obvious distractions...

 - The not so obvious distractions...
 - Disunity and Broken Relationships
 - Regrets
 - Obsessing about what you do not have
 - Past Pain
 - Church Movements

- Live by faith rather than righteousness.
 - *Living by righteousness* = living by _____ and _____ choices that we believe please God, yielding favorable results.

 - *Living by faith* = living by an _____ Word, hope or vision planted in us by the Lord.